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Grays and Newsrk Play Doubleheader at Ebbetts Field Sunday

Champions start big money series in Brooklyn with the only team to beat them two doubleheaders this season.

Meet Kansas City and Satchel Paige in Washington Sept 8th and Pittsburgh Sept, 10th under lights.

New York---- Brooklyn baseball fans get an opportunity to use their own yard stick in measuring the ability of colored baseball players next Sunday Sept, 6th, when Homestead Grays and Newark Eagles run off a double bill at Ebbetts Field. The pro and con of whether colored players can make the major league grade will drop from the newspapers and be placed right in Brooklyn's own back yard. The first game starts at one thirty.

It is significant that the four players selected for a major league tryout at a future date are members of the two teams which come to Ebbetts Field next Sunday. Willie Wells and Leon Day have been going great guns for the Eagles this season. In every department, both men own fine baseball records but have topped all other ~~baseball records~~ spectacular accomplishments this year. Experts say that Wells is playing his best in 1942.

Josh Gibson, the home run clouter, is the best "team man" in baseball. He might not be the circuit buster that he was three years ago, but his batting average is better (.420). He ~~has~~ driven in more runs, won more games by timely hitting and is the smartest receiver in the game. He still ~~has~~ the powerful right-true arm, handle his pitchers expertly and give them loads of protection when men get on base. *rifle*

Sammy Bankhead, The all around star, is such a smooth worker that the average fan overlooks him in the outfield, infield, as a pitcher or catcher. Bankhead is better than the average good man in either department. He is wide awake, fast afoot, knows how to run bases and is a dangerous batter in the clutches.

While these four men ^{were} ~~was~~ selected by the experts to try out for jobs with the major league clubs, the rest of the players on both teams are not far behind them. Pearson, Isarel, Stone, and Parks are right in there batting in every game. And the young set of pitchers which Abe Manley introduced last year have all done their share of hard work to put Newark Eagles in the national picture.

Buck Leonard, Jerry Benjamin, Chester Williams, Dave Whatley and Howard Easterling, of the Grays will all stand a second inspection when major league choices are made. While Vic Harris, the manager, cannot be delt out if records mean anything. Brown, Welmaker, Partlow and Wright, the ranking moundsmen, should not be forgotten in the rush.

Aside from whatever claims are made for individual players, the Grays -- Newark contest this year have made history. and thrilled the most exacting baseball fans. The Grays have been leading the Negro National League nearly all season. They have won every series played with Baltimore, the Cubans Black Yankees, tied with the Phila Stars but lost to Newark. The Newark series started in Richmond April 12th, moved to Washington April 19th, and Newark won all three games. on May 3rd in Newark with the Eagles leading 2--0 Josh Gibson bounded one over the centerfield wall with two on and the Gr Grays won that one 3 --2.

Newark was not satisfied. On June 27th they won a doubleheader from the Grays at Forbes Field, moved to Washington D.C. the following day, won the first and tied the second game. In all of these games except on June 27th, over 10,000 paid customers looked on. A new attendance record in colored baseball.

has The Sunday feature at Ebbetts Field opens a four game series between these hard fighting rivals. Both clubs moved to Newark Sept 7th (Labor Day) to end the fireworks. In view of what have gone on, no long discourse or lecture is needed to explain just what the fans are in for. it have been a long time since the Grays or Newark on the diamond where the "Tank Wrecking" Dodgers do their stuff, and it is not too much to say that the Grays and Eagles will try to go the Dodgers baseball show one better. played

Social, Civic and Fraternal organizations in Brooklyn are throwing their full support behind the game on Sunday and 20,000 fans are expected to be on hand.

After the four game series with Newark, the Grays move to other big gates. They meet Kansas City Monarchs on Tuesday, Sept 8th in Washington D.C. and on Thursday Sept, 10th at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh under lights. Satchel Paige, the pitching sensation of the year, will take part in both games.